What to Defend (Protect) in the Midst of Trials

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Think of soldiers on a battlefield. Each one knows how they are to dress and what to carry into battle. They know there are vital body parts they have to protect in order to avoid death and injury. It is the same with a believer in their spiritual life, especially as they go through trials.

The main thing the enemy targets in a believer is the trust and hope they have in the LORD. One way the enemy (the devil) does this is by finding out the things your heart desires. You may be in need of something, and the enemy will come and whisper words of doubt — causing you to doubt when what you asked from the LORD hasn't yet been granted.

The enemy will make you feel like those desires will bring peace. This causes one to look for other ways of satisfying those desires and needs. This is where the enemy comes in. Mind that the peace granted by the enemy means that he has control over you. Peace from the LORD, however, is peace everlasting.

You know very well of JOSEPH. He **defended** his reputation as he fled from Potiphar's wife. The enemy was after him but failed.

— Genesis 39:7 (through)

We speak of the three men: SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO. They stood and **defended** their faith in the LORD. The LORD came to their rescue — here the enemy failed.

— Daniel 3:16 (through)

> *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at*

> *the right hand of the throne of God."*

— Hebrews 12:2

Jesus truly knew and understood the joy and victory He would behold at the end of His endurance through all the suffering and temptation.

> *"When the enemy is coming after you, understand what you must protect."*

He can beat down your body and do whatsoever — but if he doesn't kill your hope and faith (trust), then all he has done against you is in vain.

The enemy had Jesus beaten and wronged in many ways, and had Him killed too. But had he known of the massive triumph and glory Jesus was to behold, he wouldn't have put Him on the cross.

> *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God."*

— Romans 4:20 (through)

Lastly, among dozens of other examples, we look at Abraham. He went through a very humbling season — growing old without a child. He had faith in the LORD. Who knew that from such a man would come the great nation of Israel? Abraham stood on the faith that "the LORD who has promised will make it come to pass."

Defend your FAITH. For your faith is not worth losing.

— Hebrews 11 (through)

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